

Chapter PS

THE TOTAL PETROLEUM SYSTEM—THE NATURAL
FLUID NETWORK THAT CONSTRAINS THE
ASSESSMENT UNIT

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ABSTRACT

The U.S. Geological Survey World Petroleum Assessment 2000 has identified, named and mapped 159 of the largest total petroleum systems (TPS's) in the world. Table 1 ranks these 159 identified systems by known size, that is by volume of cumulative production plus known reserves. This world assessment used the TPS as the basis for constraining the assessment unit (AU). The TPS is the essential elements (source, reservoir, seal, and overburden rocks) and processes (generation-migration-accumulation and trap formation) as well as all genetically related petroleum that occurs in seeps, shows, and accumulations (discovered and undiscovered) whose provenance is a pod or closely related pods of active source rock. The AU is the volume of rock within the TPS that encompasses fields, both discovered and undiscovered, which share similar geologic traits and socioeconomic factors.

A TPS investigation requires specific information necessary to explain the origin of known petroleum occurrences in three dimensional space through time and then suggests, using the AU, where undiscovered oil and gas deposits may be located. All AU's fall within the maximum geographic extent of the TPS. Known petroleum volumes in a TPS are cumulative production and remaining reported reserves. Estimated new resources in each AU are included as sizes and numbers of grown, undiscovered oil and gas fields.

For this study, the steps in the characterization of a TPS were to identify, map, and name the hydrocarbon fluid system and then to summarize the results.

Bibliographic references to the geologic reports of selected TPS's are listed at the end of this chapter. These reports include (1) a TPS map, (2) TPS name, and (3) an events chart. Other information in these reports may include a TPS cross section, a table of accumulations in the TPS, and a burial history chart. This paper traces the origins of the TPS and AU, and describes how they are used in this assessment.

INTRODUCTION

Some reasons for carrying out oil-and-gas-related investigations in a geologic province are (1) to determine where to explore, or (2) to assess undiscovered commercial quantities of petroleum. Recently, published papers and meeting titles indicate the petroleum system methodology is being widely used for this purpose. In this U.S. Geological Survey World Petroleum Assessment 2000, the total petroleum system (TPS) is used to evaluate the undiscovered oil and gas resources that have the potential to be added within the next 30 years to reserves in the world, exclusive of the United States.

The most recent world assessment by the USGS in 1993 was done by petroleum basin or province (Masters and others, 1998; Schmoker and Dyman, RV) using the modified Delphi method with the geologic basin as the basic unit of assessment (Masters and others, 1992). This approach incorporated the principles of petroleum geology, published literature, and unpublished information from the petroleum industry.

In the 1995 USGS National Assessment, the United States was assessed by province using the play as the basic assessment entity (Gautier and Dolton, 1996; USGS, 1995). The play was defined for that study as a set of known or postulated oil and (or) gas accumulations sharing similar geologic, geographic, and temporal properties, such as source rock, migration patterns, timing, trapping mechanism, and hydrocarbon type.

The U.S. Geological Survey World Petroleum Assessment 2000 differs from previous assessments by using the total petroleum system (TPS) and the assessment unit (AU) (Schmoker and Klett, 1999) (AM). The 2000 assessment started by dividing the world into eight regions and 937 geologic provinces (Klett and others, 1997). Maps were developed for each region using geographic information systems (GIS)(Persits and others, 1997a,b; Pollastro and others, 1997; Schenk, 1997;

Steinshouer and others, 1997; Wandry and Law, 1997). Each region and province was named and numbered (RH). These USGS-defined province boundaries have characteristic areas of hundreds or even thousands of square kilometers encompassing a natural geologic entity, such as sedimentary basin, thrust belt, delta, or some combination of contiguous geologic entities. These provinces were then ranked by known volume of petroleum in barrels of oil equivalent (BOE) using the Petroconsultants (1996) database. The 76 largest non-U.S. geologic provinces, which together contained 95% of the non-U.S. known petroleum were deemed priority provinces (RH). Certain other provinces were designated boutique provinces for a variety of geologic, political, technical, and geographic reasons. After establishing and mapping by GIS the areas of importance, the next step was to identify and map the TPS's in each area so they could be used as the basis for defining the assessment units (AU's).

Historically, these two concepts, the TPS and AU, developed in the petroleum industry and government along two parallel tracks that began before this latest world assessment. The first track began with the oil system that evolved to the petroleum system and then to the total petroleum system. The other track started with the prospect, then to the play, and finally to the assessment unit. The concept of track one emphasizes the distribution system of the petroleum charge while track two is oriented towards the discovery of the hydrocarbon trap.

Total Petroleum System

Origin of the TPS

The term oil system was first introduced by Dow (1974) and is based on the concept of oil-source rock correlation. The term petroleum system was first used by Perrodon (1980). Independently, Demaison (1984) devised the generative basin, Meissner and others (1984) described their hydrocarbon machine, and Ulmishek (1986) identified an independent petroliferous system. All of these concepts are very

similar to the oil system (Dow, 1974). Expanding upon previous work, Magoon (1987, 1988, 1989a,b. and 1992a,b) and Magoon and Dow (1994a,b) formalized the criteria for identifying, mapping, and naming the petroleum system. The petroleum system is the essential elements and processes as well as all genetically related hydrocarbons that occur in petroleum shows, seeps, and accumulations whose provenance is a single pod of active source rock (Magoon and Dow, 1994a, p. 644). Because the petroleum system included only discovered hydrocarbon, terms were needed to include undiscovered oil and gas fields, for which Magoon (1995) coined the phrases complementary plays and complementary prospects. Further, the TPS equals the petroleum system of Magoon and Dow (1994b), and the sum of all undiscovered oil and gas fields in the complementary plays and complementary prospects within that system (Magoon, 1995; Magoon and Beaumont, 1999).

For the U.S. Geological Survey World Petroleum Assessment 2000, the maximum geographic extent of the TPS was added to show the outermost boundary beyond which no oil and gas would be found. The maximum extent is that area beyond the minimum geographic extent of the TPS that lacks fields, seeps, and shows, but geology suggests that some petroleum may exist even if noncommercial (fig. PS-1). The minimum geographic extent of the TPS is the same as the geographic extent of the petroleum system of Magoon and Dow (1994b). Second, rather than use the complementary play that only included undiscovered accumulations, the assessment unit was defined to include some or all of the discovered and undiscovered accumulations in the TPS.

Definition of the TPS

The TPS is the essential elements (source rock, reservoir rock, seal rock, and overburden rock) and processes (generation-migration-accumulation and trap formation) as well as all genetically related petroleum that occurs in seeps, shows, and accumulations, both discovered and undiscovered, whose provenance is a pod or closely related pods of active source rock. The TPS is a naturally occurring

hydrocarbon-fluid system in the lithosphere that can be mapped, and includes the essential elements and processes needed for oil and gas accumulations to exist. The TPS concept presumes that migration pathways must exist, either now or in the past, connecting the provenance with the accumulations.

Using principles of petroleum geology and geochemistry, this fluid system, the TPS, is mapped to better understand how it evolved over time. The goal, then, is to map this natural fluid system, or TPS, in three dimensional space through time to locate, define, and evaluate those areas for undiscovered hydrocarbons.

TPS and World Assessment

The TPS concept is the basis for this assessment as it constrains the volume of rock to be evaluated for undiscovered oil and gas accumulations. This USGS assessment named and mapped 159 of the most important TPS's in the world, exclusive of the United States. **Table PS-1** ranks these systems by known petroleum volume in barrels of oil equivalent (BOE). There are four TPS's greater than 100 billion BOE, 17 TPS's ranging from 20 to 100 billion BOE, 40 TPS,s ranging from 5 to 20 billion BOE, 61 TPS's ranging from 0.2 to 5 billion BOE, and 20 TPS's that are less than 0.2 billion BOE. Also listed are 18 TPS's that are unranked. The grand total of the known volumes from each TPS is 2.4 trillion BOE.

Assessment Unit

Origin of the AU

The concept of assessment unit (AU) evolved over many years. The term prospect has been informally used by both mining and petroleum explorationists to describe present-day structural or stratigraphic features that could be mapped and drilled. A series of geologically related prospects were combined as a fairway, exploration trend, or a play. As information about petroleum geochemistry increased, the definition of a play became broader. For example, Bois (1975) defined a petroleum

zone, which he considered similar to a play (Bois and others, 1982). Other definitions of a play and prospect included a source rock as well as a migration path (White, 1980, 1988; Bishop and others, 1983; Sluijk and Nederlof, 1984; Dolton and others, 1987; Bird, 1988; Gautier and Dolton, 1995). The use of quantitative petroleum geochemistry (Mackenzie and Quigley, 1988) with play and prospect evaluation provided important volumetric information for economic analysis. Magoon (1995) introduced the complementary play and complementary prospect to differentiate between discovered accumulations in the petroleum system and undiscovered oil and gas fields in the TPS. The complementary play includes one or more complementary prospects, and a complementary prospect is an undiscovered commercial accumulation within the TPS.

The U.S. Geological Survey World Petroleum Assessment 2000 was unable to use complementary play because assessment methodology required that within the total petroleum system some or all discovered accumulations needed to be compared to undiscovered oil and gas accumulations. To reduce confusion the term assessment unit (AU) was adopted. This allowed discovered fields in the AU to be the basis for the discovery history segments, which along with additional trap characteristics, were used to help estimate the number and sizes of grown, undiscovered oil and gas fields in that AU. This assessment assumes that these estimated volumes of resources have the potential to be realized over the next 30 years.

Definition of AU

The assessment unit (AU) is a volume of rock within the TPS that encompasses fields, discovered and undiscovered, sufficiently homogeneous in terms of geology, exploration strategy and risk characteristics to constitute a single population of field characteristics with respect to criteria used for resource assessment. AU's are considered established if they contain more than 13 discovered fields, frontier if they contain 1-13 discovered fields and hypothetical if they contain no discovered fields. A unique, eight-digit numeric code identifies each AU with respect to region,

province, and total petroleum system. The first digit indicates the region, the next three digits are the province, the following two digits represent the TPS (See [table PS-1](#)), and the final two digits stand for the AU ([RH](#)).

TOTAL PETROLEUM SYSTEM INVESTIGATION

The goal of a total petroleum system (TPS) investigation is to understand the geographic, stratigraphic, and temporal evolution of the system so that the resource assessment can be based upon sound geologic and geochemical concepts.

Total Petroleum System Map

The total petroleum system (TPS) map ideally includes at least six items. These items are: (1) genetically related known oil and gas accumulations, shows and seeps; (2) the pod or pods of active source rock; (3) minimum geographic extent; (4) maximum geographic extent; (5) the location of the TPS cross section; and (6) location of the locality depicted in burial history chart ([fig. PS-1](#)).

Discovered accumulations, shows, and seeps

Within a given TPS, the genetically related, discovered oil and gas fields or petroleum accumulations, by premise, originated from the same pod of active source rock. The investigator starts with a map that shows the discovered oil and gas fields in the area of interest. The investigator groups these oil and gas fields into one or more possible TPS based on their geographic and stratigraphic locations, and the bulk and geochemical properties of the fluids in each accumulation. For example, closely spaced fields that produce from the same reservoir rock are most likely charged from the same thermally mature source rock, and should be included in the same system. A similar comparison can be made of bulk chemical composition and properties, such as API gravity, that are acquired from the literature or commercial databases, such as GeoMark (1999), or Petroconsultants (1996). More detailed

geochemical information might be available from the literature or the GeoMark (1999) geochemical database. In some situations, where separating two TPS's may be difficult, they are assessed together as a composite total petroleum system (See, for example Bishop, 1999a,b; Lindquist, 1998a,b,c; Pollastro, 1999).

Pod of active source rock

The pod of active source rock is a contiguous volume of source rock that generated and expelled petroleum at the critical moment and is the provenance for a group of genetically related petroleum shows, seeps, and accumulations in a TPS (fig. PS-1). The chemically active source rock includes both the mature and overmature source rock. A spent source rock is overmature. The critical moment is the time that best depicts the generation-migration-accumulation of hydrocarbons in a TPS (Magoon and Beaumont, 1999). A pod of active source rock (sometimes referred to as a "kitchen" or "oil and gas windows") may be active, inactive, or spent (Magoon and Dow, 1994a).

Within the pod boundary line is a contiguous body of rock that is or was expelling oil and gas and is identified and mapped using thermal maturity and organic richness measurements, such as vitrinite reflectance and results of Rock Eval analyses. When these geochemical data are unavailable, the location and geometry of this contiguous body of active source rock can be mapped using information about the overburden rock. For example, first, the stratigraphic interval in which the source rock occurs is determined from regional geology. Second, the thickness of overburden rocks above this source rock is determined from geologic cross sections that traverse the TPS. Third, when this overburden rock interval exceeds a certain thickness, for example, 3 kilometers, the source rock is considered thermally mature. Last, if sufficient cross sections are available, the outline of this 3-kilometer depth is then shown on the TPS map as the outline of the pod of active source rock.

Usually, a TPS has only one pod of active source rock, but for this assessment, two or more closely related pods are referred to as a composite TPS. For example, if the same source rock interval or unit overlies an area that is subsequently block faulted, and the grabens are filled with overburden rock, then this source rock becomes thermally mature in several disconnected places. By earlier definition, each pod of active source rock constitutes a single TPS. However, this assessment allows a number of pods of active source rock to be grouped together to facilitate the evaluation of undiscovered resources. Composite TPS's may also include pods whose active source rocks are of different ages.

Minimum geographic extent

The minimum geographic extent of the total petroleum system is a line that circumscribes the pod of active source rock and includes all the discovered petroleum shows, seeps, and accumulations that originated from that pod. (This minimum extent is the same line as the geographic extent of the petroleum system of Magoon and Dow, 1994a).

Maximum geographic extent

The maximum geographic extent of the total petroleum system is a line that lies beyond or coincides with the minimum geographic extent. The maximum geographic extent is mapped using geologic evidence, such as the geographic extent of the reservoir rock, that indicates the possibility that oil and gas migrated beyond the minimum geographic extent, but no hydrocarbon seeps, shows or accumulations are known.

Location of cross section

The location of the total petroleum system cross section is chosen, if possible, so that it passes through the largest oil or gas fields, the thickest overburden rock, and the maximum geographic extent of the TPS. A present-day cross section is used unless

the petroleum system is so old or structurally altered that a cross section representing a previous time is required to depict the time when most of the hydrocarbons migrated. The largest accumulations are included because they are usually located on the simplest, most efficient migration path from the pod of active source rock. A transect through the thickest overburden rock shows the most likely area of thermally mature and overmature source rock. The cross section should transect the entire TPS so that the basis for the maximum geographic extent can be demonstrated. The location of the TPS cross section is shown on the TPS map (fig. PS-1). See, for example Bishop, 1999a,b; Lindquist, 1998a,b,c; Pollastro, 1999.

Location of burial history chart

The location of the burial history chart on the TPS map is shown by “X” on or near the cross-section line where the overburden rock is thickest (fig. PS-1). At this location, the source rock must be thermally mature or overmature (active). The reconstruction of the burial history at this location provides the timing of certain petroleum-related events, such as the beginning and end of hydrocarbon generation and the critical moment. See, for example Bishop, 1999a,b; Lindquist, 1998a,b,c; Pollastro, 1999.

Table of Fields

A table listing all known oil and gas accumulations included in the total petroleum system provides important information regarding discovery rates and the hydrocarbon fluid system. First, the discovery dates and sizes of the fields are used for field-size distributions and discovery-history segments. Second, the complexity of the hydrocarbon fluid system is suggested by the number of reservoir rocks. One reservoir rock common to all fields indicates a simple plumbing system (or perhaps a lack of other reservoir quality strata), whereas many different reservoir rocks indicate a complicated system. Third, the size, in recoverable BOE, of the TPS and the generation and expulsion efficiency can be determined by using the total volume

of recoverable oil and gas for all fields. Fourth, the reservoir rock with the highest percentage of oil or gas reserves can be indicated in the TPS name. The construction of this field table is optional in this assessment because much of the data are confidential and cannot be reported on a field-by-field basis. See, for example Bishop, 1999a,b; Lindquist, 1998a,b,c; Pollastro, 1999.

Cross Section

The total petroleum system cross section shows the minimum and maximum geographic extents as well as the stratigraphic extent of the system and how each rock unit functions to distribute the oil and gas. The top of the active source rock, producing intervals of the oil and gas fields, and location of burial history chart are displayed. The function of each rock unit is shown, such as a petroleum source rock, reservoir rock, seal rock, or overburden rock. See, for example Bishop, 1999a,b; Lindquist, 1998a,b,c; Pollastro, 1999.

Total Petroleum System Name

The total petroleum system name labels the hydrocarbon-fluid system or distribution network, and can include the geological formation names of the source rock followed by the major reservoir, and the level of certainty. Generally, the name used in this world assessment is one that best describes the TPS for the assessment team. The names of all TPS in this assessment are listed in [table PS-1](#).

The level of certainty is the measure of confidence that petroleum from a series of genetically related accumulations originated from a specific pod of active source rock. Three levels used are known, hypothetical, and speculative, depending on the level of geochemical, geophysical and geologic evidence.

Burial History Chart

The burial history chart summarizes the sedimentologic and paleontologic evidence in the overburden rock used to reconstruct the burial or thermal history of the source rock so that the beginning and end of petroleum expulsion and accumulation, and the critical moment can be depicted (fig. PS-2). The beginning of generation-migration-accumulation usually occurs when the source rock reaches a vitrinite reflectance equivalence of $0.6 \pm 0.1\%$ Ro, and ends when the source rock is uplifted, or is depleted as it is more deeply buried. The location of the burial history chart is shown on the TPS map and on the cross section. See, for example Bishop, 1999a,b; Lindquist, 1998a,b,c; Pollastro, 1999.

Events Chart

The events chart shows the temporal relationship of the rock units, essential elements, processes, preservation time, and critical moment for each total petroleum system in bar graph form. The template for the events chart was revised for the World Petroleum Assessment 2000 (fig. PS-3). The revisions included replacing the Palmer (1983) time scale with the time scale by Harland and others (1989) for the Paleozoic, Gradstein and others (1994) for the Mesozoic, and by Berggren and others (1995) for the Cenozoic. Also included are the ages of worldwide source rock intervals and their volume percentage contribution to the known oil and gas (Ulmishek and Klemme, 1990).

In order for an evolving TPS to effectively trap migrating hydrocarbon fluids, the trap forming process must occur before or during the generation-migration-accumulation process. This simple bar graph quickly shows the order of these processes.

An events chart has the following characteristics. First, there is usually only one active source rock for each TPS, however, in this assessment, several source rock

intervals may be combined (composite TPS). Second, every reservoir rock needs a seal, no matter how thin. Third, reservoir rocks are shown that contain, or could contain, petroleum accumulations, shows, or seeps. Fourth, eroded overburden rock is shown so that it can be incorporated into the burial depth model. Fifth, information for timing of trap formation comes from cross sections through oil and gas fields. Sixth, the best information for generation-migration-accumulation is from source rock burial modeling and kinetics. This information indicates the beginning, peak, and end of generation or when the active source rock is depleted (spent) or uplifted (inactive source rock). Seventh, preservation time is defined as that time when generation-migration-accumulation ends and continues to present. If generation-migration-accumulation ends today or is still going on, there is no preservation time. Young TPS's usually have no preservation time. Last, the critical moment is the time that best depicts the generation-migration-accumulation of hydrocarbons in a TPS, and its selection relies on the judgement of the investigator. Modeling packages, such as Basin2 (Bethke and others, 1999), that show peak generation within the pod of active source rock provide excellent guides.

SUMMARY

The U.S. Geological Survey World Petroleum Assessment 2000 used the total petroleum system concept as the basis for constraining the assessment unit. The assessment process started by dividing the world into eight regions and 937 geologic provinces. These provinces were ranked according to the known petroleum volumes within each; 76 high-ranking or priority provinces and 26 boutique provinces, were chosen as the areas to be evaluated for undiscovered oil and gas resources. In each of these areas, the total petroleum systems (TPS's) were identified, named and mapped so that they could be used as the basis for establishing the assessment units (AU's) to be evaluated for undiscovered oil and gas resources.

This USGS assessment named and mapped 159 of the most important TPS's in the world, exclusive of the United States, accounting for about 2.4 trillion BOE in

cumulative production and known reserves. **Table PS-1** ranks these TPS's by known resources.

A TPS includes the essential elements and processes, as well as all genetically related hydrocarbons that occur in petroleum shows, seeps and accumulations, both discovered and undiscovered, whose provenance is a pod or closely related pods of active source rock. The AU is a mapped volume of rock within the TPS, sufficiently homogeneous in terms of geology, exploration strategy and risk characteristics to constitute a single population of discovered and undiscovered fields with respect to criteria used for resource assessment. AU's are considered established if they contain more than 13 discovered fields, frontier if they contain 1-13 discovered fields and hypothetical if they contain no discovered fields.

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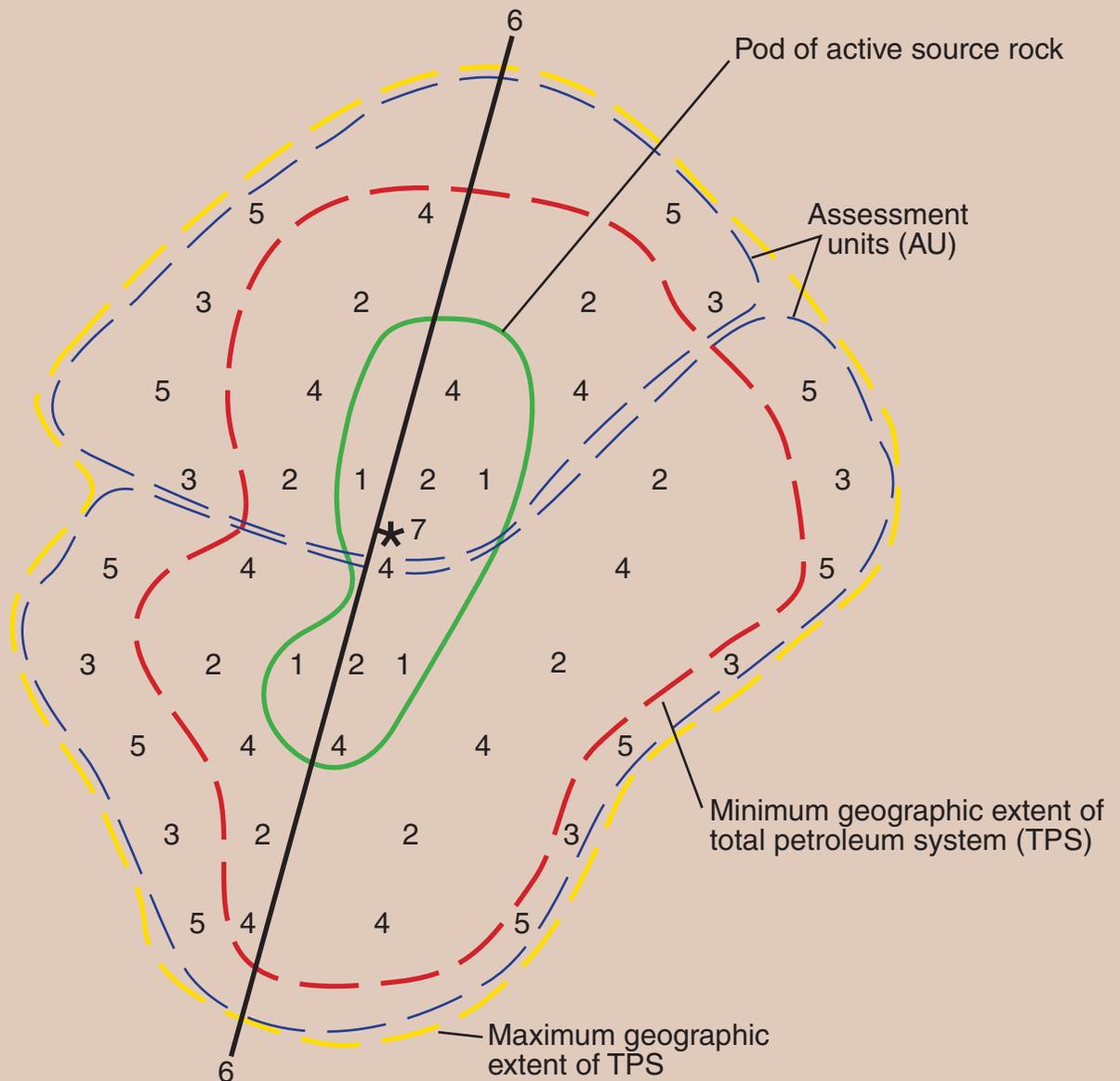
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Total Petroleum System Map



EXPLANATION of numbered areas:

1. Area of the pod of active source rock which contains contiguous body of mature or overmature (active) organic-rich rock that is provenance of hydrocarbons for this total petroleum system (TPS).
2. Area of the minimum geographic extent of TPS. Contains known oil and gas fields, seeps, and shows.
3. Area between minimum and maximum geographic extents of TPS. Area lacks known fields, seeps, and shows but geology suggests that petroleum accumulations may exist.
4. Area of the assessment unit (AU) that contains known oil and gas fields.
5. Area of the AU that lacks known fields.
6. Location of TPS cross section.
7. Location of TPS burial history chart.

Figure 1

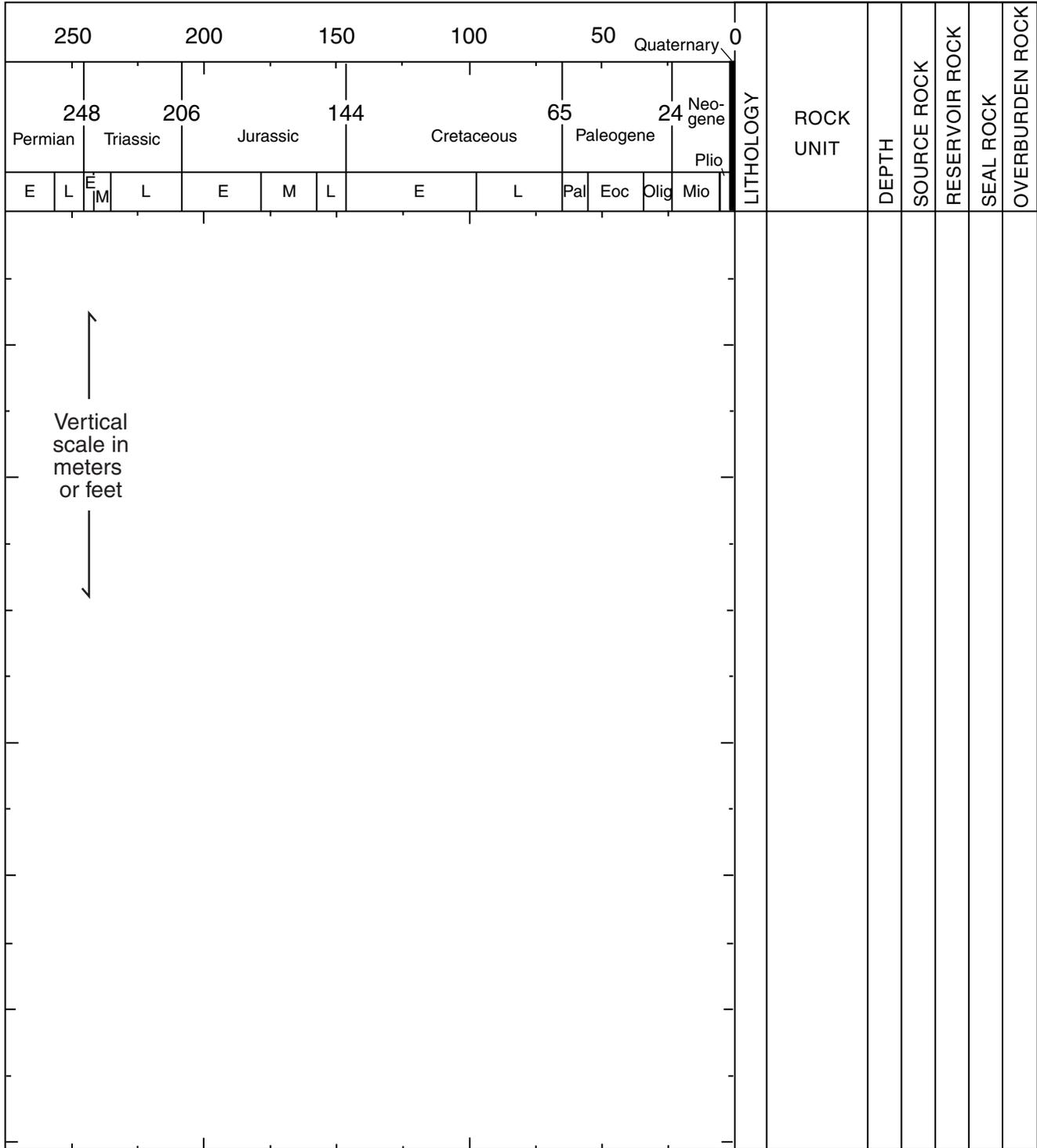
Total Petroleum System Burial History Chart

Province Name: _____

TPS Name: _____

Author(s): _____

Date: _____



Time scale: Harland et al., 1989; Gradstein et al., 1994; Berggren et al., 1995

Figure 2

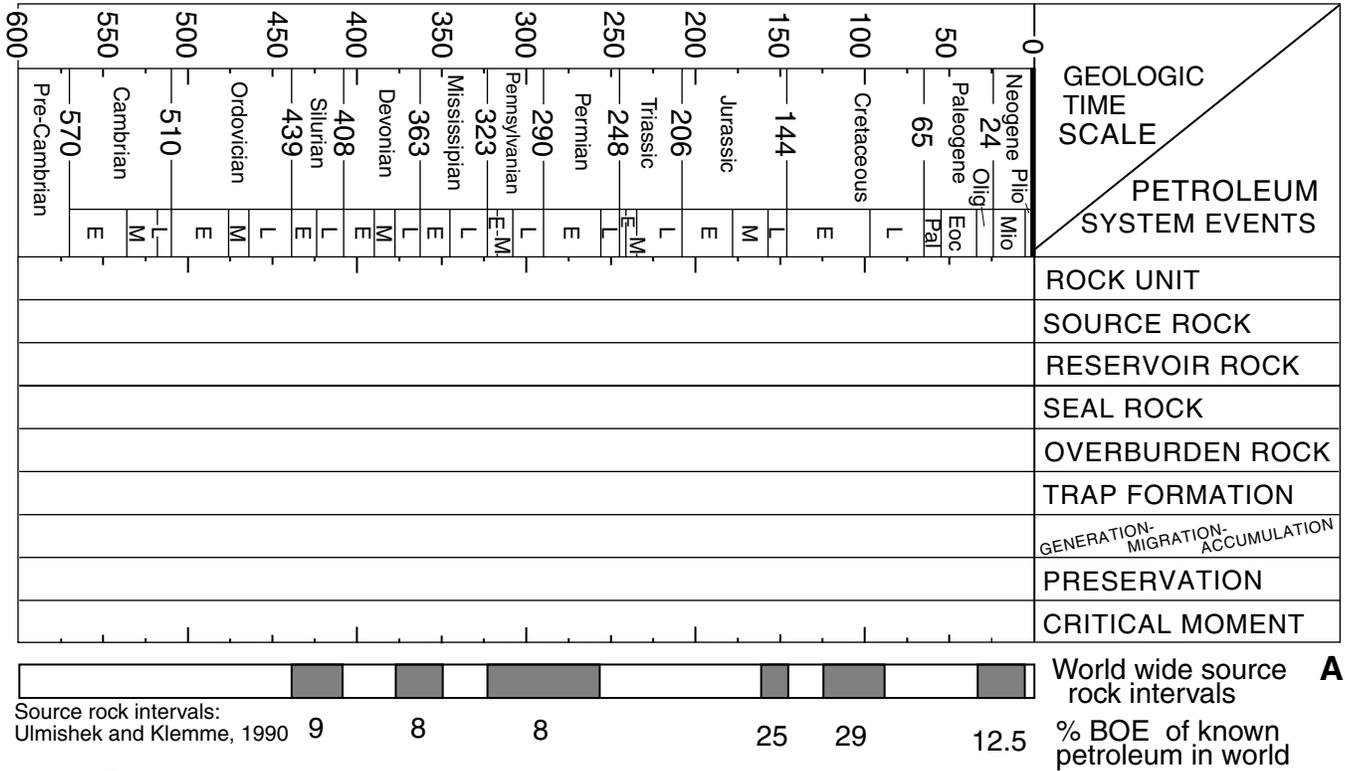
Total Petroleum System Events Chart

Province Name: _____

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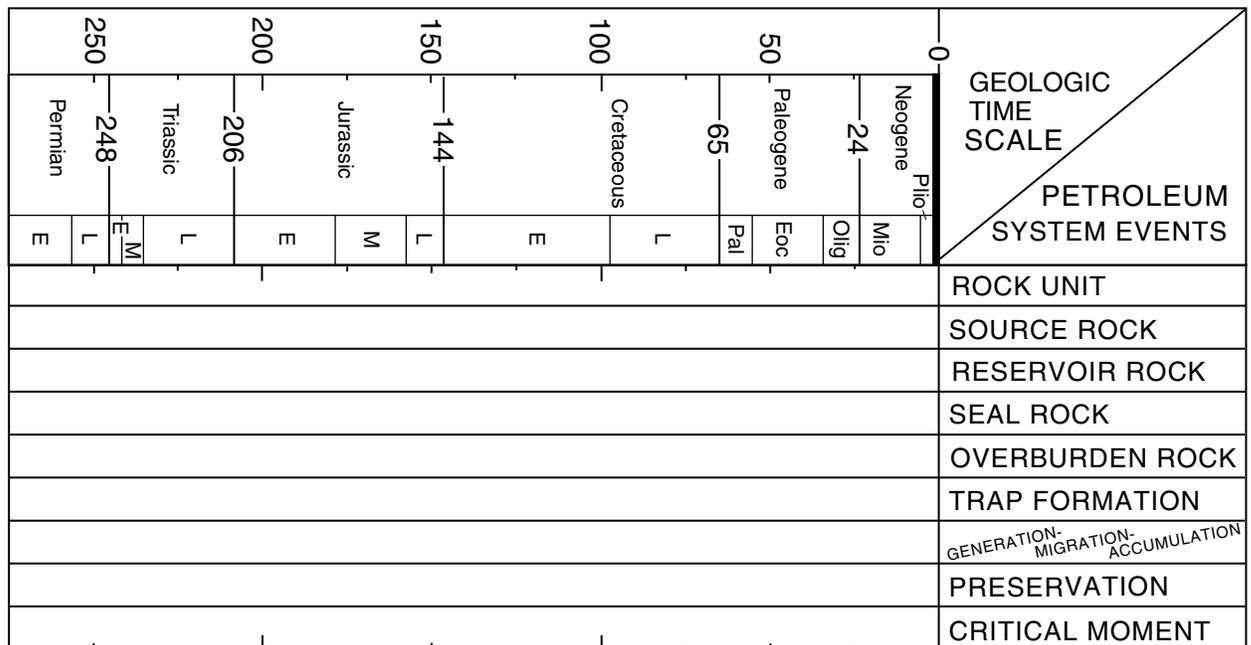


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TPS Name: _____

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Figure 3

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Table 1. Summary of the total petroleum systems ranked by known petroleum volume (in MMBOE) that were assessed in the U.S. Geological Survey World Petroleum Assessment 2000. [B, barrels; O, oil; BCFG, billion cubic feet of gas; NGL, natural gas liquids; MM, millions; BOE, barrels of oil equivalent at 1 barrel oil to 6000 cubic feet of gas. Known petroleum volume equates to cumulative production plus remaining reserves and are from Petroconsultants,1996]

| Total Petroleum System (TPS) Name | TPS Code | Region Name | Known | | | Total Known (MMBOE) | Total Known (MMBOE) |
|---|----------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | | Oil (MMBO) | Known Gas (BCFG) | Known NGL (MMBNGL) | | |
| >100 Billion BOE | | | | | | | |
| Zagros-Mesopotamian Cretaceous-Tertiary | 203001 | Middle East and North Africa | 372,226 | 493,238 | 1,562 | 455,995 | |
| Arabian Sub-Basin Tuwaiq/Hanifa-Arab | 202102 | Middle East and North Africa | 198,995 | 275,295 | 9,205 | 254,083 | |
| Northern West Siberian Mesozoic Composite | 117403 | Former Soviet Union | 10,185 | 1,167,288 | 2,375 | 207,107 | |
| Bazhenov-Neocomian | 117401 | Former Soviet Union | 117,972 | 97,582 | 764 | 135,000 | 1,052,185 |
| 20-100 Billion BOE | | | | | | | |
| Cretaceous Thamama/Wasia | 201901 | Middle East and North Africa | 71,231 | 102,100 | 1,901 | 90,148 | |
| Silurian Qusaiba | 201903 | Middle East and North Africa | 555 | 452,030 | 13,815 | 89,708 | |
| Volga-Ural Domanik-Paleozoic | 101501 | Former Soviet Union | 63,872 | 96,458 | 1,096 | 81,044 | |
| Kimmeridgian Shales | 402501 | Europe | 43,895 | 158,914 | 5,971 | 76,351 | |
| La Luna/Maracaibo | 609901 | Central and South America | 49,072 | 26,701 | 43 | 53,565 | |
| Tertiary Niger Delta (Agbada/Akata) | 719201 | Sub-Saharan Africa and Antarctica | 34,522 | 93,811 | 2,842 | 53,000 | |
| Pimienta-Tamabra | 530501 | North America | 44,412 | 50,822 | 95 | 52,977 | |
| Querecual | 609801 | Central and South America | 26,756 | 112,296 | 528 | 46,001 | |
| Paleozoic North Caspian | 101601 | Former Soviet Union | 10,808 | 156,976 | 8,890 | 45,861 | |
| Sirte-Zelten | 204301 | Middle East and North Africa | 37,072 | 37,767 | 129 | 43,496 | |
| Amu-Darya Jurassic-Cretaceous | 115401 | Former Soviet Union | 766 | 230,614 | 1,175 | 40,377 | |
| Carboniferous-Rotliegend | 403601 | Europe | 2,872 | 222,159 | 172 | 40,071 | |
| Jurassic Hanifa/Diyab-Arab | 201902 | Middle East and North Africa | 19,013 | 77,512 | 592 | 32,523 | |
| Shahejie-Shahejie/Guantao/Wumishan | 312701 | Asia Pacific | 24,553 | 15,672 | 88 | 27,253 | |
| Oligocene-Miocene Maykop/Diatom | 111201 | Former Soviet Union | 17,438 | 35,994 | 503 | 23,941 | |
| Paleozoic-Permian/Triassic | 203002 | Middle East and North Africa | 0 | 131,220 | 925 | 22,795 | |
| Tanezzuft-Benoud | 205805 | Middle East and North Africa | 88 | 105,050 | 4,935 | 22,531 | 841,642 |
| 5-20 Billion BOE | | | | | | | |
| Central Arabia Qusaiba Paleozoic | 202101 | Middle East and North Africa | 6,376 | 79,115 | 343 | 19,905 | |
| Domanik-Paleozoic | 100801 | Former Soviet Union | 13,069 | 36,632 | 716 | 19,890 | |
| Qingshankou-Putaohua/Shuertu | 314401 | Asia Pacific | 15,570 | 1,598 | 0 | 15,836 | |
| Brown Shale-Sihapas | 380801 | Asia Pacific | 13,217 | 3,866 | 11 | 13,872 | |
| South and North Barents Triassic-Jurassic | 105001 | Former Soviet Union | 51 | 78,143 | 100 | 13,175 | |
| Brunei-Sabah | 370101 | Asia Pacific | 6,898 | 36,200 | 180 | 13,111 | |
| Duvernay-Leduc | 524302 | North America | 9,459 | 14,357 | 1,025 | 12,877 | |
| Eocene-Miocene Composite | 804301 | South Asia | 8,440 | 24,193 | 267 | 12,739 | |

| Total Petroleum System (TPS) Name | TPS Code | Region Name | Known | | | Total Known (MMBOE) | Total Known (MMBOE) |
|---|----------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | | Oil (MMBO) | Known Gas (BCFG) | Known NGL (MMBNGL) | | |
| Togur-Tyumen | 117402 | Former Soviet Union | 11,756 | 5,180 | 3 | 12,623 | |
| Tanezzuft-Oued Mya | 205401 | Middle East and North Africa | 10,843 | 8,973 | 0 | 12,338 | |
| Tanezzuft-Illizi | 205601 | Middle East and North Africa | 3,670 | 45,061 | 898 | 12,078 | |
| Kutei Basin | 381701 | Asia Pacific | 2,879 | 45,473 | 1,273 | 11,731 | |
| Dnieper-Donets Paleozoic | 100901 | Former Soviet Union | 1,611 | 59,098 | 200 | 11,660 | |
| Congo Delta Composite | 720303 | Sub-Saharan Africa and Antarctica | 9,745 | 9,443 | 39 | 11,357 | |
| Lagoa Feia-Carapebus | 603501 | Central and South America | 10,056 | 6,244 | 10 | 11,107 | |
| Sudr-Nubia | 207101 | Middle East and North Africa | 9,810 | 5,995 | 41 | 10,850 | |
| Dingo-Mungaroo/Barrow | 394801 | Asia Pacific | 1,149 | 48,245 | 991 | 10,181 | |
| Gacheta-Mirador | 609601 | Central and South America | 5,402 | 15,314 | 451 | 8,405 | |
| Tanezzuft-Ghadames | 205403 | Middle East and North Africa | 4,538 | 16,484 | 1,011 | 8,296 | |
| East Natuna | 370202 | Asia Pacific | 20 | 45,045 | 0 | 7,528 | |
| Second White Specks-Cardium | 524306 | North America | 2,688 | 26,449 | 365 | 7,462 | |
| Baikal-Patom Foldbelt Riphean-Craton Margin Vendian | 121001 | Former Soviet Union | 2,006 | 30,210 | 360 | 7,401 | |
| Sarawak Basin | 370201 | Asia Pacific | 797 | 37,119 | 379 | 7,363 | |
| Oligocene-Miocene Lacustrine | 370301 | Asia Pacific | 3,017 | 24,248 | 136 | 7,194 | |
| Lucaogou-Karamay/Ulho/Pindequan | 311501 | Asia Pacific | 6,624 | 2,248 | 0 | 6,998 | |
| Mesozoic-Cenozoic | 604101 | Central and South America | 6,601 | 1,616 | 0 | 6,871 | |
| Upper Cretaceous/Tertiary | 609802 | Central and South America | 3,447 | 15,822 | 172 | 6,256 | |
| South Mangyshlak | 110902 | Former Soviet Union | 5,241 | 5,707 | 46 | 6,239 | |
| Latrobe | 393001 | Asia Pacific | 3,860 | 9,775 | 701 | 6,190 | |
| Neuquen Hybrid | 605501 | Central and South America | 2,370 | 20,704 | 338 | 6,159 | |
| Exshaw-Rundle | 524303 | North America | 1,728 | 21,568 | 836 | 6,158 | |
| Sembar-Goru/Ghazij | 804201 | South Asia | 180 | 35,373 | 63 | 6,139 | |
| North Sakhalin Neogene | 132201 | Former Soviet Union | 2,182 | 22,383 | 165 | 6,077 | |
| Upper Jurassic Spekk | 401701 | Europe | 2,660 | 15,662 | 702 | 5,973 | |
| North Oman Huqf/Q'-Haushi | 201401 | Middle East and North Africa | 2,028 | 20,339 | 507 | 5,925 | |
| Bampo-Cenozoic | 382201 | Asia Pacific | 674 | 25,559 | 926 | 5,860 | |
| Mannville-Upper Mannville | 524305 | North America | 0 | 30,731 | 447 | 5,569 | |
| Lower Inoceramus | 605901 | Central and South America | 1,216 | 24,807 | 211 | 5,562 | |
| Transylvanian Composite | 405701 | Europe | 0 | 30,731 | 0 | 5,122 | |
| Madbi Amran/Qishn | 200401 | Middle East and North Africa | 1,933 | 17,120 | 312 | 5,098 | 375,175 |
| 0.2-5 Billion BOE | | | | | | | |
| Dysodile Schist-Tertiary | 406102 | Europe | 4,115 | 5,048 | 11 | 4,968 | |
| Terek-Caspian | 110901 | Former Soviet Union | 3,490 | 7,840 | 29 | 4,826 | |
| Miocene Coaly Strata | 370302 | Asia Pacific | 592 | 23,901 | 186 | 4,761 | |
| Bou Dabbous-Tertiary | 204801 | Middle East and North Africa | 2,114 | 15,509 | 44 | 4,743 | |
| Lahat/Talang Akar-Cenozoic | 382801 | Asia Pacific | 2,429 | 10,204 | 56 | 4,186 | |

| Total Petroleum System (TPS) Name | TPS Code | Region Name | Known | | | Total Known (MMBOE) | Total Known (MMBOE) |
|--|----------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | | Oil (MMBO) | Known Gas (BCFG) | Known NGL (MMBNGL) | | |
| North Oman Huqf-Shu'aiba | 201601 | Middle East and North Africa | 2,685 | 7,633 | 58 | 4,015 | |
| D-129 | 605801 | Central and South America | 3,346 | 3,565 | 2 | 3,942 | |
| Lower Cruse | 610301 | Central and South America | 20 | 22,600 | 80 | 3,867 | |
| Los Monos-Machareti | 604501 | Central and South America | 320 | 16,985 | 548 | 3,699 | |
| Azov-Kuban Mesozoic-Cenozoic | 110801 | Former Soviet Union | 524 | 18,704 | 56 | 3,696 | |
| Sylhet-Kopili/Barail-Tipam Composite | 803401 | South Asia | 2,536 | 6,534 | 5 | 3,630 | |
| Combined Triassic/Jurassic | 524304 | North America | 1,296 | 10,580 | 350 | 3,409 | |
| La Luna-La Paz | 609001 | Central and South America | 2,426 | 5,002 | 68 | 3,328 | |
| Jatibarang/Talang Akar-Oligocene/Miocene | 382402 | Asia Pacific | 1,908 | 7,322 | 175 | 3,303 | |
| Late Jurassic/Early Cretaceous-Mesozoic | 391301 | Asia Pacific | 46 | 17,960 | 200 | 3,239 | |
| Porto Garibaldi | 406001 | Europe | 14 | 18,475 | 5 | 3,098 | |
| Stavropol-Prikumsk | 110903 | Former Soviet Union | 820 | 13,499 | 3 | 3,073 | |
| Lodgepole | 524404 | North America | 2,778 | 893 | 37 | 2,964 | |
| Greater Hungarian Plain Neogene | 404801 | Europe | 1,089 | 9,657 | 24 | 2,722 | |
| Middle Cretaceous Natih | 201602 | Middle East and North Africa | 1,852 | 3,100 | 100 | 2,469 | |
| Eocene to Miocene Composite | 804801 | South Asia | 716 | 10,020 | 63 | 2,449 | |
| Buzuchi Arch and Surrounding Areas Composite | 115001 | Former Soviet Union | 2,286 | 943 | 0 | 2,443 | |
| Azile-Senonian | 720302 | Sub-Saharan Africa and Antarctica | 2,114 | 1,835 | 10 | 2,430 | |
| Egret-Hibernia | 521501 | North America | 1,582 | 2,406 | 81 | 2,393 | |
| Keg River-Keg River | 524301 | North America | 1,011 | 7,073 | 100 | 2,290 | |
| Moesian Platform Composite | 406101 | Europe | 1,793 | 2,217 | 66 | 2,228 | |
| Cretaceous-Tertiary | 608101 | Central and South America | 1,672 | 2,892 | 0 | 2,154 | |
| Jurassic/Early Cretaceous-Mesozoic | 391003 | Asia Pacific | 502 | 7,526 | 385 | 2,141 | |
| Jenam/Bhuban-Bokabil | 804703 | South Asia | 4 | 12,289 | 51 | 2,104 | |
| Melania-Gamba | 720301 | Sub-Saharan Africa and Antarctica | 1,752 | 843 | 15 | 1,908 | |
| Ordovician/Jurassic-Phanerozoic | 315401 | Asia Pacific | 704 | 5,780 | 189 | 1,856 | |
| Maokou/Longtang-Jialingjiang/Maokou/Huanglong | 314201 | Asia Pacific | 0 | 11,072 | 0 | 1,846 | |
| Mesozoic/Paleogene Composite | 404702 | Europe | 923 | 5,393 | 6 | 1,828 | |
| Zala-Drava-Sava Mesozoic/Neogene | 404802 | Europe | 1,101 | 3,929 | 63 | 1,818 | |
| Isotopically Light Gas | 404701 | Europe | 1 | 10,660 | 3 | 1,782 | |
| Paleozoic Qusaiba/Akkas/Abba/Mudawwara | 202301 | Middle East and North Africa | 1,213 | 1,661 | 25 | 1,515 | |
| Banuwati-Oligocene/Miocene | 382401 | Asia Pacific | 1,259 | 614 | 0 | 1,362 | |
| Locker-Mungaroo/Barrow | 394802 | Asia Pacific | 6 | 8,102 | 0 | 1,356 | |
| Keyling/Hyland Bay-Permian | 391002 | Asia Pacific | 0 | 5,730 | 50 | 1,005 | |
| Cretaceous Composite | 730301 | Sub-Saharan Africa and Antarctica | 0 | 6,015 | 0 | 1,003 | |
| Maqna | 207102 | Middle East and North Africa | 155 | 3,527 | 256 | 999 | |
| Yenisey Foldbelt Riphean-Craton Margin Riphean | 120701 | Former Soviet Union | 34 | 5,052 | 60 | 936 | |
| Taiyuan/Shanxi-Majiagou/Shihezi | 312802 | Asia Pacific | 0 | 5,590 | 0 | 932 | |

| Total Petroleum System (TPS) Name | TPS Code | Region Name | Known | | | Total Known (MMBOE) | Total Known (MMBOE) |
|---|----------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | | Oil (MMBO) | Known Gas (BCFG) | Known NGL (MMBNGL) | | |
| Neocomian to Turonian Composite | 602901 | Central and South America | 692 | 1,407 | 3 | 929 | |
| Mesozoic Composite | 521502 | North America | 0 | 4,224 | 107 | 804 | |
| Tanezzuft-Timimoun | 205801 | Middle East and North Africa | 0 | 4,200 | 0 | 700 | |
| Patala-Namal | 802601 | South Asia | 324 | 1,981 | 41 | 696 | |
| Yanchang-Yanan | 312801 | Asia Pacific | 683 | 20 | 0 | 686 | |
| Tanezzuft-Ahnet | 205802 | Middle East and North Africa | 1 | 3,117 | 90 | 610 | |
| Cretaceous Composite | 718301 | Sub-Saharan Africa and Antarctica | 236 | 1,949 | 36 | 596 | |
| Tanezzuft-Sbaa | 205803 | Middle East and North Africa | 284 | 1,490 | 10 | 542 | |
| Guaratiba-Guaruja (Cretaceous) Composite | 603601 | Central and South America | 285 | 1,125 | 44 | 517 | |
| Belsk Basin | 101502 | Former Soviet Union | 65 | 2,638 | 5 | 509 | |
| Jurassic Gotnia/Barsarin/Sargelu/Najmah | 202302 | Middle East and North Africa | 474 | 100 | 0 | 490 | |
| Meride/Riva di Solto | 406002 | Europe | 332 | 412 | 27 | 428 | |
| Jurassic-Cretaceous Composite | 204802 | Middle East and North Africa | 103 | 1,301 | 23 | 343 | |
| North Ustyurt Jurassic | 115002 | Former Soviet Union | 80 | 1,450 | 8 | 330 | |
| Upper Jurassic-Neocomian | 611701 | Central and South America | 297 | 96 | 0 | 313 | |
| Jurassic Coal-Jurassic/Tertiary | 311502 | Asia Pacific | 210 | 342 | 0 | 267 | |
| Cambrian/Silurian Marine Shale-Dengying/Lower Paleozoic | 314204 | Asia Pacific | 1 | 1,350 | 0 | 226 | 123,702 |
| <200 MMBOE | | | | | | | |
| Cretaceous-Paleogene | 608302 | Central and South America | 171 | 158 | 0 | 197 | |
| Cretaceous Composite | 603401 | Central and South America | 130 | 222 | 1 | 169 | |
| Daanzhai-Daanzhai/Lianggaoshan | 314202 | Asia Pacific | 109 | 140 | 0 | 132 | |
| Cuanza Composite | 720304 | Sub-Saharan Africa and Antarctica | 107 | 59 | 0 | 116 | |
| Cenomanian-Turonian | 602101 | Central and South America | 63 | 0 | 0 | 63 | |
| Neogene | 608301 | Central and South America | 4 | 340 | 0 | 61 | |
| Transcarpathian Neogene | 404804 | Europe | 0 | 261 | 0 | 43 | |
| Danube Neogene | 404803 | Europe | 0 | 247 | 0 | 41 | |
| Paleozoic Composite | 404703 | Europe | 1 | 233 | 0 | 39 | |
| Tanezzuft-Melrhir | 205402 | Middle East and North Africa | 6 | 125 | 9 | 36 | |
| Jurassic Coal-Denglouku/Nongan | 314402 | Asia Pacific | 5 | 145 | 0 | 29 | |
| Lower Cretaceous Marine | 606301 | Central and South America | 10 | 75 | 2 | 25 | |
| Milligans-Carboniferous/Permian | 391001 | Asia Pacific | 15 | 48 | 0 | 23 | |
| Tertiary-Parigi | 382403 | Asia Pacific | 0 | 119 | 0 | 20 | |
| Cretaceous-Tertiary Composite | 701301 | Sub-Saharan Africa and Antarctica | 10 | 49 | 0 | 19 | |
| Brightholme | 524402 | North America | 14 | 11 | 0 | 16 | |
| Hungarian Paleogene | 404806 | Europe | 11 | 16 | 0 | 14 | |
| Tobago Trough Paleogene | 610701 | Central and South America | 11 | 22 | 0 | 14 | |
| Bakken | 524403 | North America | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | |
| Yeoman | 524401 | North America | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1,214 |

| Total Petroleum System (TPS) Name | TPS Code | Region Name | Known | Known Gas | Known NGL | Total | Total |
|---|----------|------------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | Oil | (BCFG) | (MMBNGL) | Known | Known |
| | | | (MMBO) | | | (MMBOE) | (MMBOE) |
| Unranked Total Petroleum Systems | | | | | | | |
| Tanezzuft-Mouydir | 205804 | Middle East and North Africa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tanezzuft-Bechar/Abadla | 205806 | Middle East and North Africa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lucaogou/Jurassic Coal-Paleozoic/Mesozoic | 311503 | Asia Pacific | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carboniferous/Permian Coal-Paleozoic | 312702 | Asia Pacific | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tertiary-Cenozoic | 382404 | Asia Pacific | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pre-Messinian | 406801 | Europe | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Permian/Upper Jurassic Composite | 520001 | North America | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cenomanian-Turonian-Tertiary Composite | 603701 | Central and South America | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Paleozoic | 604102 | Central and South America | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aguada Bandera | 605802 | Central and South America | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neocomian Lacustrine | 606001 | Central and South America | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lower Cretaceous | 606002 | Central and South America | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Permian Coal | 804701 | South Asia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Ustyurt Paleozoic | 115003 | Former Soviet Union | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Xujiahe-Xujiahe/Shaximiao | 314203 | Asia Pacific | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Central Carpathian Paleogene | 404805 | Europe | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Neogene | 602201 | Central and South America | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Jalangi-Sylhet/Burdwan Composite | 804702 | South Asia | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| | | | | | | Grand Total: | 2,393,918 |